Strike in HEC, Kaixlu

150. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI N. E. BALARAM : SHRI J. P. GOYAL : SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a strike in the Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) Ranchi since May 16, this year;

(b) if so, the circumstances under which the strike was started;

(c) the steps being taken by the Union Government to resolve the situation ; and

(d) whether the company has since been locked out?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Tripartite Wage Agreement was signed by the Management and the recog nised union of HEC under the auspices of the Labour Commissioner, Bihar on 14-5-1987. As this was not acceptable to the other registered and un-registered Unions and other Associations-, they star ted agitation against the implementation of the wage agreement and went on tool down stike paralysing the work in and around HEC with effect from 16-5-1987.

(c) As a result of amicable settlement on 24-7-87 the lockout has been lifted with immediate effect.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Petrol Outlets and LPG Agencies in Jabalpur

151. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some new petrol outlets and LPG agencies are likely to be opened in Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh in the near future ; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) While no more retail outlet dealerships are presently planned to be opened in Jabalpur town, the selection process for establishment of two LPG distributorships has been initiated.

Shortage of LPG in West Bengal

152. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased *to* state :

(a) whether there has been a shortage of LPG in West Bengal for some time;

(,b) if so, what are the details of the daily demand and actual availability of LPG in the State;

(c) the reasons for the shortage ; and

(d). what steps are being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As against West Bengal's daily demand of about 17,500 cylinders, around 16,500 cylinders were supplied during the month of June, 1987.

(c) Backlog increased in June on account °f reduced bulk movement of LPG by rail ex-Mathura|Vizag refinery to Kalyan!. The bottling at Haldia, Bangaigaon and Kalyani was also partially affected due to work to rule adopted by the union in early June, 1987.

(d) Additional supplies were *tooled* from Koyali, besides utilisation of the LPG import facilites recently set up at Vishakhapatnam. These measures, toge ther normalisation of operations at the Kalyani Bottling Plant have brought about improvement.